



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Wolfgang Schmutz et al) Art Unit: 3652
Appln. No. : 09/600,879) Ex: F. E. Werner
Filed : August 14, 2000)
For : DEVICE FOR LOADING SUBSTRATES)
INTO AND UNLOADING THEM FROM A)
CLEAN ROOM)

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of December 14, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 22, 23, 25, 28, 31 and 40-42 as follows:

Hub D,7 22. (Amended) A device for loading or unloading substrates into or out of a clean

room, comprising:

B a lock device provided with a hermetically sealable lock opening which provides access to the clean room;

a transport box having substrates situated therein, said transport box being received on said lock device for movement through said hermetically sealable lock opening into or